



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date August 27, 2003

In re the Application of

Naoto KONDO

Group Art Unit: 2877

Application No.: 09 805,252

Examiner: G. J. Stock, Jr.

Filed: March 14, 2001

Docket No. 108930

For: ALIGNMENT APPARATUS, ALIGNMENT METHOD, EXPOSURE APPARATUS, AND EXPOSURE METHOD

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

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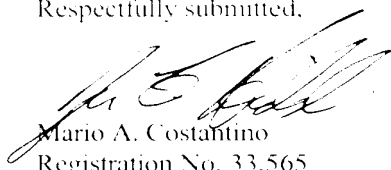
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired May 27, 2003, an extension of time for a period of three months is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 145605 in the amount of \$930 in payment for:

_____ Extension fee for response within first month pursuant to §1.136(a) (\$110.00)
_____ Extension fee for response within second month pursuant to §1.136(a) (\$410.00)
XX _____ Extension fee for response within third month pursuant to §1.136(a) (\$930.00)

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two copies of this petition are enclosed.

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necessary for entry:



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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the February 27, 2003 Office Action, the period for reply being extended
by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Specification;

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims;

Amendments to the Drawings include attached replacement sheets; and

Remarks.